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RE OFF-7481, September 16, 1959, [ ] stated to [ ] on 12 November that it was his understanding that the Grand Mufti was still in Lebanon; if he, [ ] or other important [ ] officials had seen the Mufti; and any information [ ] had or could get on the Grand Mufti. [ ] replied that neither he, [ ] or other [ ] official had seen the Mufti. Attached report is re: our request for information on the Mufti.

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COUNTRY Lebanon/United Arab Republic

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SUBJECT Residence of the former Grand Mufti of Palestine in Lebanon

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PLACE & Lebanon, Beirut (7 December 1959)

DATE ACQ.

SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE. NOTE FOREGOING EXPLANATION.

SOURCE: A well informed Lebanese (B) from a follower of Hajj Amin Husayni (F). Appraisal of Content: 3.

1. As of early December 1959, Hajj Amin Husayni, the former Grand Mufti of Palestine, was still residing in Lebanon and was not expected to return to the IAR, Egyptian Region. His disagreement with IAR President Jamal Abd-al-Nasir had reached its peak. Husayni and the Higher Arab Committee had not openly attacked Abd-al-Nasir because they had financial interests in the Egyptian Region that had not been liquidated.
2. Husayni's contacts with religious and political leaders in Lebanon for the most part have been courtesy calls and there have been no contacts with the Social Nationalist Party (SNP).1
3. President Fuad Shihab had advised Husayni not to engage in any anti-Nasir activities as it would place the Government of Lebanon in an awkward position.
4. According to a follower of Husayni, Husayni's relations with King Husayn of Jordan were better and they were approaching an agreement.

1. Field Comment. According to an official French Service report in August 1959 the former Grand Mufti, after arrival in Beirut, met with Abdallah Mahsin leader of the SNP and at this meeting the two decided to undertake a common political action in Lebanon and Syria to combat the policies of Abd-al-Nasir.

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